

District IV Advisory Board Minutes
November 3, 2014
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The District IV Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Alford Library at 3447 S. Meridian, Wichita, KS 67217; Vice Mayor Blubaugh, nine District Advisory Board members; four City staff, and two member of the public were present.

Members Present

Michael Gomm
Nancy Wilhite
Matt Lashley
Hestel Sewell
Nick Hoheisel
John Whitmer
David Kapaun
Josh Shorter
Rebecca Robertson
Vice Mayor Jeff Blubaugh

Staff Present

Case Bell, Community Liaison
Lt. Voss, Wichita Fire Department
Officer Perkins, Wichita Police
Brad Snapp, Housing and Community Services

Guests

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Members Absent

Don McManamey
Benny Boman
Alex Garcia (Youth Member)*
*Youth Members are not voting members

ORDER OF BUSINESS

At 6:30 p.m. **Vice Mayor Blubaugh** called the meeting to order. Minutes from the September 8, 2014 meeting were approved. Agenda for the current meeting was approved.

STAFF AGENDA

Lt. Voss, Wichita Fire Department, reported that there were four fires in District IV over the last month. The cause of three are known and one is under investigation. It is recommended that citizens go through their house and make sure that nothing is stowed near space heaters or floor units.

Officer Perkins, Wichita Police Department, reported on Beat 18. There was an increase in auto thefts, generally of late model Hondas. A lot of them are not being recovered. There were a few burglaries which were small “pillowcase burglaries” where criminals go for small expensive items. Some burglaries were due to people leaving garage doors opened or unlocked rear doors. Beware during Christmas shopping. Don’t leave big boxes in the trash outside your house and be careful loading items into your car, especially if you have to go back in to the store.

DAB? Are the Hondas being chopped? **A:** That is a distinct possibility.

DAB? What is WPD doing to prevent issues like what is going on in Ferguson, MO? **A:** City Leaders are meeting with local citizen leaders such as the ministerial league to prepare for this type of event.

PUBLIC AGENDA

Scheduled Items

None

Off Agenda items

None

NEW BUSINESS

Scheduled Items

Nominations for the District III DAB representative for the Grant Review Committee

Brad Snapp, Assistant Director of Housing and Community Services, presented on the Grants Review Committee. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that cities involve citizens in the allocation process for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. The City of Wichita accomplishes this through a series of public hearings before the City Council and through the appointment of a Grants Review Committee (GRC) which reviews proposals and applications. The Grants Review Committee includes representation from all District Advisory Boards, Wichita Independent Neighborhood Association, the United Way, Sedgwick County, USD #259, Wichita State University, and large and small businesses. The 14 GRC members are appointed annually by the City Council, and Housing and Community Services Department staff meet with them as they review applications from agencies who apply for HOME funds and proposals for ESG and CDBG Public Services programs. After review of the applications and proposals and public comments, the GRC makes recommendations to the City Council for HOME, ESG and CDBG funding for the next program year. The GRC meets three times a year.

Motion: That the District Advisory Board nominate Matt Lashley as the District IV representative to the Grants Review Committee.

Result: Motion passed 9-0.

Nominations for the District III DAB representative for the Grant Review Committee

Brad Snapp, Assistant Director of Housing and Community Services, presented on CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding allocations. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) considers the City of Wichita to be an entitlement city and as such Wichita receives annual allocations of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. In order to receive these funds the City is required to prepare a Five Year Consolidated Plan. Then each year the City is required to submit an annual spending plan which addresses the priorities identified in the five year plan.

Vice Mayor Blubaugh: There is a problem with the owner-occupied requirement in the HUD regulations. It makes it hard to help low-income clients and neighborhoods.

Action taken: Recommendations on funding allocations were provided to housing staff.

BOARD AGENDA

None

Meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting for District Advisory Board IV will be held at 6:30 p.m., December 1, 2014, at Lionel Alford Library, 3447 S. Meridian.

Respectfully submitted,
Case Bell, Community Liaison – Districts III and IV

Guests

Lonny Wright
Edward Gissen